

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

February 17, 2021 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)

Joe Jax (Chair) (2.5 hrs)

Dennis Kropp (1 hr)

Mike Schendel (1.0 hr)

Nancy Schofield (1 hr)

Mike Smith (1.0 hr)

Bob Giede (2.5hrs)

John Anshus (0 hr)

Roll Call of Guests and Members Present: Judy Zimmerman, Dick Henning, Randy Eide, and Tammy Eckert present.

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet to those appearing in person and those appearing by video along with the recording of their volunteer hours worked.

Acceptance of Minutes: The January 20th meeting minutes were reviewed. Dennis Kropp made the motion to accept those minutes and Mike Schendel seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments: - None

Arbor Day Foundation: No discussion on this item. Bob Giede will report back at next meeting.

2021 Arbor Day Proclamation and International Migratory Bird Day Recognition: A celebration for Arbor Day will take place on Friday, April 30th 2021. An Update on Facebook will be posted so followers will know and can take part in the celebration. Resolutions were adopted by the City Council.

Items Added to the Agenda for discussion only: Reviewed 1995 news article on Urban Forestry Board. Urban Forestry Board saved 21 mature trees in Sanna Park in 1995.

Urban Forester Report:

Pruning Update: Due to the extremely cold weather in February, a little over one half of the area was pruned in section 4 (four).

Senior Center Tree Planting Options:

Dick Henning contacted Our Home Senior Care – 17th Avenue and 9th Street to confirmed a site and location with the facility/management and to plan a celebration day on Arbor Day by have a program held there on Friday, April 30, 2021. Plans are to plant a tree, and possibly a Brush/Bird Patch to celebrate in conjunction with Menomonie's status as a Bird City are in the works.

Ash Tree Treatment Plan: Treatment will begin in the Spring when trees show growth/buds.

Tree City USA Application: Waiting on State Forrester final approval.

Bird City Application: Complete and under review at the State.

City Council Report:

Cork Tree Status: Looking into the current cork tree ordinance. Possibly change the ordinance to only eliminate female cork trees. - Judy Zimmerman spoke on the matter supporting reducing the female bearing trees and by doing that it will allow for more trees to stay in yards.

Estover Terrace Housing Development: The Plan is to replace the Pin Oaks with White Oaks. Landscaping Plan creates diversity in the types of trees planted.

The city accepted a Lakeside Grant from the DNR to replace an existing dock at Lakeside Park.

City approved plans to make modifications to the push button option for pedestrian crossings to include an automated sensor at the Mabel Tainter (-Main and 2nd Street) and near the Waterfront on Crescent Street where there is a lot of foot traffic.

Items to be added to the Next Agenda:

- Arbor Day Foundation
- Arbor Day and Bird City Celebration Plans (April 30, 2021)
- Ash Tree Treatment Status
- Pruning Update

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nancy Schofield to adjourn and Robert Giede seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Tammy Eckert